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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT MANCHESTER.

The General Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, September 25th, 1872,

THE RIGHT REV.

THE LORD BISHOP OF MANCHESTER,

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, the Chairman addressed the meeting.

The General Secretary read the Report of the Central Committee, also the Auditors' Report and their Certificates as to the accuracy of the Balance Sheets then presented; after which the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report; and, whilst expressing its grateful admiration of the munificent support which the Institution has received during the past year, and its satisfaction at the encouraging progress of the patients already admitted, earnestly appeals to the Local Committees and other active friends to renew their efforts to obtain Contributions, so that the entire accommodation afforded by the Institution may be utilised as rapidly as possible.

Moved by Hugh Birley, Esq., M.P., Manchester; seconded by Edward S. Heywood, Manchester; and supported by Arthur Lupton, Esq., Leeds.

- 2.—That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the valuable aid rendered to the Institution by the gentlemen who have hitherto acted as the Manchester and Salford Local Committee, and invites them to continue their services in that capacity.

Moved by Dr. E. D. de Vitre, Lancaster, Chairman of the Central Committee; seconded by Richard Hurst, Esq., Rochdale; and supported by Chas. Sever, Esq., Manchester.

- 3.—That, in compliance with Rule 24, the following Gentlemen (who are Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster) be re-appointed Members of the Central Committee:—

Dr. E. DENIS DE VITRE.	B. PAGET GREGSON, Esq.	Rev. C. TWEMLOW ROYDS, M.A.
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JAMES GRANT, Esq.	WILLIAM ROPER, Esq.	CAPTAIN THORNHILL.

Moved by John W. Maclure, Esq., Manchester; seconded by W. Rayner Wood, Esq., Manchester.

- 4.—That the best thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Honorary Auditors for the past year (Messrs. Rees, White, & Co., Public Accountants, Manchester, William Roper, Esq., Lancaster, and James Carter Moon, Esq., Lancaster), for their efficient investigation of the Accounts of the Asylum; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Messrs. Rees, White, & Co., James Carter Moon, Esq., and Captain Thornhill, to act as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by Rev. David Davis, B.A., Lancaster; seconded by G. T. Kemp, Esq., Rochdale.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the friends and supporters of this Institution be held at Carlisle, on Wednesday, September 24th, 1873, and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Carlisle, Manchester, Liverpool, York, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Durham, Newcastle, Kendal, and Chester papers.

Moved by T. Dudley Ryder, Esq., Manchester; seconded by Richard Stockdale, Esq. Bolton.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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*Presented to the Subscribers at the General Annual Meeting held at
Manchester, September 25th, 1872;*

THE LORD BISHOP OF MANCHESTER IN THE CHAIR.

Another year has not passed away without presenting many features of deep interest in connection with the material prosperity of your Asylum and the steady development of its usefulness.

Among many acts of liberality, the Committee have great pleasure in recording the munificent contribution of Mrs. Brooke, of Gateforth House, Selby. In the autumn of last year, this benevolent lady announced her intention of subscribing no less a sum than £30,000, which she at once carried into effect by remitting the amount in two instalments of £15,000 each. The Building Fund was credited with one moiety and the Sustentation Fund with the other, and this appropriation met with Mrs. Brooke's full approval. In the month of July 1869, the late Rev. Richard Brooke, accompanied by Mrs. Brooke, first visited the Asylum. At that time little progress had been made in the building, but they heartily approved of the design, were most favourably impressed with the site selected, and have, from that period, never ceased to take a lively interest in the progress and well-being of the charity. In the year 1870, Mr. Brooke kindly presided at a very successful public meeting held at Selby on behalf of the Asylum. In acknowledging such munificence, the Committee had some difficulty in conveying to Mrs. Brooke their deep sense of the obligation conferred; and they determined that the South Wing should henceforth be known as "The Brooke Wing," and at once communicated their decision to Mrs. Brooke. It is very gratifying to be able to announce that this form of recognition received her cordial sanction.

The Committee would acknowledge with heartfelt thankfulness the very liberal manner in which this good work has been encouraged

and promoted by a generous public, and whilst they have vigilantly exercised a strict economy in the execution of their trust, they are nevertheless bound to state that their labours as regards what may be called the Capital Account are not yet brought to a close. Upon the whole, the excess over contract estimates is not large, but a heavy outlay is necessary for furnishing, machinery, boundary walls, making roads and walks, obtaining gas and water, erecting lodges and farm buildings; and for all these purposes it may be fairly estimated that at least £10,000 more must be raised. With regard to the Sustentation Fund, it is only necessary to remark that it is most desirable to promote such a fund in every legitimate way. Annual Subscriptions are very fluctuating everywhere, but are less likely to assume the nature of stability in a great commercial centre than elsewhere, whilst the payments received from independent patients must necessarily vary. Still, the future of the Asylum must depend in a great measure on the two last named resources, until the Sustentation Fund assumes much greater proportions than it is likely to do for some years to come. At present there is ample accommodation for 300 patients, but the funds have not hitherto justified the admission of more than 130. It is satisfactory to know that the means of maintenance are steadily increasing, and the Committee do not apprehend anything will arise to prevent the holding of an election every six months, and it is perhaps as well for the best interests of the Asylum that the admission of patients should be gradual; but it is most painful, for want of funds to have to reject at least 50 per cent. of eligible candidates at each election. In the course of a few months there will be accommodation for 600 patients in all, when the foregoing remarks will apply with still greater force.

The Committee have frequently had to advert to the great assistance received from Local Committees in promoting the interests of the Asylum in their respective districts. These efforts are of unspeakable advantage, not merely in a pecuniary sense, but in diffusing information as to the objects of the charity. To Mr. Richard Hurst, Rochdale, Mr. W. E. Glyde and Mr. Briggs Priestley, Bradford, and Mr. L. J. Crossley, Halifax,—who have all personally rendered your Secretary most valuable assistance in canvassing for contributions,—the obligations of the Committee are especially due. In like manner are to be mentioned the special exertions of Mr. C. France, Hon. Sec., Bradford, Mr. W. Heaton, Hon. Sec., Wigan, Mr. J. Barras, Hon. Sec.,

Rotherham, Mr. C. Brown, Hon. Sec., Settle, Major Ogle, Hon. Sec. St. Helens, and Mr. R. Tunnicliffe, Bedford Leigh. One lady, in the neighbourhood of Cockermouth, has during the past year distinguished herself as a true friend to the Asylum by her individual exertions in obtaining subscriptions. The work of the Committee would be greatly facilitated, and the institution much extended, if the Local Committees and other earnest friends of the charity would now systematically promote canvassing for subscriptions in their respective localities.

The following clergymen and ministers have during the year made collections on behalf of the Asylum :—

Rev. John Allen, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster;
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Rev. W. Rose, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Petre Street,
Sheffield.

Rev. H. Hassard Short, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.

Rev. R. N. Sharpe, Hundersfield, Rochdale.

Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith.

The Committee would respectfully urge the claims of the Asylum to consideration in this direction on every minister of religion throughout the Northern Counties, as there is no parish, however remote, that is not entitled to participate in the benefits and privileges of the Asylum.

For full and special information on all matters of finance the Committee have much pleasure in referring to the annexed statement of accounts, and to the report of the Auditors.

Although the Committee felt great disappointment at not being in a position to have a formal opening of the Asylum this year, owing to the tardy manner in which the contracts proceeded, they nevertheless now have every confidence that by the ensuing spring all will be completed, and that they will be able to make arrangements for an opening demonstration worthy of such an institution. The Committee desire the early completion of the farm buildings. Some of the boys already evince great aptitude for farm work, and will probably be much benefited by being systematically trained to farm employments.

In consequence of the pressing applications for the admission of girls, the Committee determined a few months since to make a temporary provision for their reception on the boys' side of the building. Sixteen girls were admitted at the last election, and the arrangements secure perfect isolation.

In the last annual report reference was made to the complicated and laborious system of conducting the elections according to the then existing rules. The Secretary prepared a well digested scheme, which, after careful consideration by the Committee, was formally submitted to a general meeting of the subscribers. At that meeting resolutions were unanimously adopted thus to simplify the mode of election, with a view to economise labour, time, and expense. Henceforth, elections for all the counties are to be held twice a year at one and the same place, each subscriber exercising his votes on behalf of that county only to which he subscribes. The election at Liverpool, in June last, under the efficient presidency of Mr. Edward Lawrence, chairman of the Liverpool Local Committee, was the first election on the new system, and was found fully to answer the expectations formed. The right of each county to elect a number of patients proportionate to the amount of its contributions has been strictly preserved as a fundamental principle of the constitution of the Asylum. At the same meeting, resolutions were also adopted for the modification of the system of perpetuated votes by restricting the votes at the disposal of the County Committees, so as not to exceed one fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the donors and subscribers in each county.

The code of bye-laws mentioned in the last report has been approved by the Home Secretary, and is now in operation.

There are now 129 patients in the Asylum. 58 belong to Lancashire, 35 to Yorkshire, 10 to Cumberland, 9 to Durham, 6 to Cheshire, 5 to Westmorland, and 5 to Northumberland. It must be borne in mind that these are not all free or elected patients; all paying a rate in aid or any higher sum being admitted without election. Patients paying a remunerative rate will continue to be received from any part of the United Kingdom, so long as there is spare accommodation. One full payment patient now in the Asylum belongs to Lincolnshire.

To the present date, the amount contributed to the General Fund by the seven associated counties is as follows:—Lancashire, £35,681 15s. 7d.; Yorkshire, £32,103 16s. 5d.; Westmorland, £2,509 4s. 1d.; Cumberland, £2,139 15s. 6d.; Cheshire, £2,111 14s. 6d.; Durham, £1,995 16s. 5d.; Northumberland, £740 8s. 8d.; total, £77,282 11s. 2d. To the Maintenance Fund (annual subscriptions):—Lancashire, £812 15s. 2d.; Yorkshire, £698 13s. 6d.; Durham, £174 7s. 6d.; Cumberland, £106 19s. 6d.; Cheshire, £83 13s. 6d.; Westmorland, £54 11s.; Northumberland, £49 16s.; total, £1,980 16s. 2d.

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting to the subscribers copious extracts from the second report of the Commissioners in Lunacy:—

Lancaster, February 17th, 1872.

Upon our visit to-day to this noble institution, we have been much gratified to observe the great progress which has been made towards the completion of the northern portion of the Asylum, appropriated to female patients, a part of which between the central block and the wing is expected to be ready for occupation in the course of the summer, and the remainder soon after.

We have inspected the whole of the male division, and found it in excellent order. The arrangements and appropriation of several of the rooms are at present provisional, as the infants will ultimately be removed to the female division.

We have seen all the Idiots and Imbeciles now in the Asylum, 89 in number, of whom 29 were in the school-room, under instruction in reading and writing, and 40, of the infant class, in what is known as the gallery room, in charge of the female teacher. The majority of the remainder were employed in the shops and offices, five only being in the room called the “nursery” under medical treatment and another, seriously ill, in a room by himself, under charge of a special nurse.

We were much pleased with the personal condition generally of the inmates, who appeared cheerful and happy. Our attention was specially given to some who have been wonderfully improved in every way by the judicious care and treatment employed.

We saw 66 assembled in the Hall at an excellent dinner, consisting of roast beef, carrots, and rice, followed by bread and treacle. Their deportment was most orderly, and the manner of taking their meal was that of well-conducted sane children.

The changes in the numbers of Idiots and Imbeciles since the last visit have consisted of the admission of 40, and the discharge of 2—one of whom proved to be a confirmed epileptic.

Since the last visit a Schoolmaster has been appointed, who has recently entered upon his duties, for which he appears to be well qualified. A night attendant has also been engaged. It is arranged that one of the married attendants and his wife shall have charge of a ward specially appropriated to the infirm and cripples, for whom suitable rooms have been provided in the basement. Two other female nurses now have charge of some of the younger boys.

About 30 of the patients go to neighbouring churches or chapel, and two-thirds are usually present at morning and nearly all at evening daily prayers. There is also on Sunday evenings a short school service, at which about two-thirds attend. The patients enjoy weekly, on Tuesday evenings, suitable entertainments, including music, exhibitions of magic lantern, &c., &c. They are also taken out frequently for country excursions, and occasionally in parties of fifteen or twenty to public places of amusement.

We noticed with much pleasure, amongst other provision for the exercise and amusement of the patients, two very large rooms open to the external air and to the large playground, which has, since the last visit, been covered with asphalt. They are exceedingly well adapted and arranged for gymnastic exercises, and available for their use in inclement weather.

The General and House Committees, respectively, meet monthly, so that the Asylum is officially visited on the average once in a fortnight.

The improved condition of the patients, and the satisfactory state of the Asylum, afford the best evidence of the active and efficient management of the Institution.

R. W. S. LUTWIDGE,	}	COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.
ROBERT NAIRNE,		

In referring to the medical report, the Committee cannot but express their cordial approval of the various means adopted both to instruct and amuse the patients; and it may be truthfully affirmed that all the patients have derived benefit, and many in a very marked degree. The Committee feel that they are indebted to many kind friends for their aid and assistance in promoting rational amusements and entertainments at the Asylum. They would particularly refer to a superior and successful concert given in aid of the amusement fund. That concert was organised by Mr. C. Godfrey Jones, the music and gymnastic master at the Asylum, assisted by his brother, Mr. J. Sidney Jones, the talented band-master of the 5th Dragoon Guards, who has on several previous occasions generously promoted concerts for the benefit of the Asylum.

Thanks are due to the donors of many valuable presents such as domestic pets, books, pictures, illustrated papers, plants, drawing copies and models, perambulators, &c.; and for the gift of a barrel organ which is a constant source of enjoyment to the patients. An attractive object in the grounds is a beautiful flag-staff, presented by Mr. M. Simpson, of Lancaster.

The Committee would again record their grateful acknowledgments to the Press generally for its cordial and independent advocacy, and would earnestly direct attention to a very able report by a special representative of the *Bradford Observer*, who visited the Asylum in July last. A leading member of the staff of the *Manchester Guardian* made a minute inspection of the Asylum a few days ago, and has published in the columns of that important paper a most interesting and impartial account of his unexpected visit. Efforts of this kind are of great value to the Asylum, and are deserving of the best thanks. Copies of these reports may be had of the Secretary.

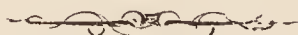
The Committee (while not forgetting the unostentatious and self-sacrificing benevolence of the late Mr. James Brunton, who originated the idea of an asylum, and the careful thought of the little band who wrought it into shape) feel that, in this the last Annual Report before the formal opening of the completed building, they cannot in justice omit a special and grateful recognition of the invaluable services of their Chairman, Dr Edward Denis de Vitré, who, through so many years, by his able and untiring advocacy at public meetings, has awakened far and wide a deep interest in the subject; by his hopeful zeal has kindled the generous benevolence of all classes, so that the wealthy have contributed their tens of thousands and the poor their weekly pence; by his wise and skilful generalship has brought the

varied zeal and apparently diverging interests of the several Northern Counties to centre in one common object ; by his unflagging attention alike to the largest aims and the minutest details of the great work which has step by step been advancing under his care ; and, above all, by his personal influence, which has been at once a quickening power and a bond of union to all who have laboured with him,—has, at great individual sacrifice, mainly contributed to establish a noble monument of Christian benevolence, in the foundation, erection and completion of an institution truly Royal.

Mr. Diggins has been Secretary from a very early period in the Committee's labours, and is entitled to high commendation for the indefatigable and able manner in which he discharges the arduous duties of his office

Dr. Shuttleworth, the Medical Superintendent, is most assiduous in promoting the general welfare of the Asylum, and he and his staff enjoy the full confidence of the Committee.

The Committee cannot bring this report to a conclusion without expressing their deep sense of the Divine blessing which has attended all their undertakings, and they are encouraged to believe that an Institution designed for the sole benefit of the most helpless members of the human family will never lack support.



MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the second General Report of the Medical Superintendent, embracing an account of the condition and progress of the Establishment during the last twelve months.

Since the end of September 1871, 66 additional Patients have been received into the Institution, 49 Boys, and 17 Girls. 1 Male Patient has been discharged and 2 have died: so that the numbers, at present on the books are 112 Boys and 17 Girls: total 129. The average number resident, calculated for each week during the year, is 83.

The first admission of Girls took place on the 16th of August last, accommodation, sufficiently isolated, and affording suitable facilities for supervision and training, having provisionally been arranged for them on the first floor of the finished Building, until the completion of the division specially intended for their use. The accession of female inmates of a useful class has long been a desideratum in the economic arrangements of the Institution.

The high sanitary condition of the Establishment referred to in my last Report has happily been maintained throughout the past year; and we have again been favoured with immunity from epidemic disorder. Re-vaccination was extensively resorted to during the prevalence of small-pox in the district. The two deaths which have occurred were in each case due to disease of a constitutional character existing previous to admission, both Patients having been received into the Institution under exceptional circumstances.

Advantage has, from time to time, been taken of the increase of numbers to improve the classification of the Patients, and the arrangements for nursing and training. A new Department for Infirm Boys has been formed, separate and complete accommodation having been provided by certain structural alterations on the basement of the Brooke Wing; and this class has been placed under the charge of a married attendant and his wife, with the most satisfactory results as regards improvement in the appearance and habits of the children. The younger Boys, of superior intelligence and habits, also form a separate division, and are associated for purposes of nursing with the Girls' Department. The provision of a Night Attendant has been followed by beneficial results.

The efficiency of the School arrangements has been much increased by the appointment in February last of a schoolmaster, Mr. E. Woods, whose gentleness of manner, assiduity, and skill have proved him to be well qualified for the difficult duties of his office. From the report of cases subjoined it will be seen that a considerable advance

has been made by some of the Pupils in the various branches of elementary instruction, whilst in almost all there are evidences of an increase of general intelligence, and of that power of attention which is so conspicuously deficient in the class of Imbeciles. The younger Boys and the Girls are at present most satisfactorily instructed by the Female Teacher referred to in my last Report, and some encouraging results in the attainment of articulate speech by Patients originally mute,—(particulars of one or two of which are appended),—are due mainly to her perseverance.

Drill and Gymnastic Exercises continue to be daily practiced, and the appliances fixed last year in the Playground and Play-room have proved very serviceable.

60 boys are now regularly employed in some department of useful industry:—on the Garden and Farm, in the Joiner's, Tailor's, and Shoemaker's workshops, in the Laundry, and in simple occupations about the house. Several of the lads engaged in Farm-work are reported by the Farm Attendant to be almost as useful to him as ordinary boys of a similar age; and it is a matter of congratulation that farm-buildings of a proper character are now in course of erection, as much of the work of a Dairy-farm may be efficiently done by the labour of Imbeciles. Considerable success has also attended the instruction given in the workshops, and we have now in the Institution boys who can make a dove-tailed box, "close the uppers" of shoes, and do all the simple sewing required for an ordinary garment. Arrangements are in progress for introducing the trades of brush-making, basket-making, and mat-making, which will afford good in-door occupation in the winter months for the less intelligent cases.

A commencement has been made in training the girls to useful employment, and at the present time 9 are daily engaged in bed-making, washing-up, scrubbing, sewing, etc.

Public Worship, at Church and Chapel in Lancaster, has, during the past year, been attended by upwards of 50 of the Patients: their conduct has been remarked to be uniformly good. In addition to the daily morning and evening prayers of the establishment, a short School service has been regularly held on Sunday evenings, and attended by a majority of the Inmates.

Varied means of recreation and amusement have been provided, as heretofore, both within the Institution itself, and by sending selected parties to public entertainments in Lancaster. The weekly in-door entertainments of the Winter season culminated in a grand public concert, in which several of the Patients took part: it was numerously attended, and owing to the gratuitous assistance kindly rendered by several talented musical friends of the Institution, proved a financial success. We have again to thank Mr. George Ingall for giving us an excellent magic-lantern entertainment. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Preston, Principal of Ripley's Hospital, and to his pupils, for a special performance of their Christmas theatricals, to which our boys

were invited—a treat much appreciated by them. Free admission was kindly granted by Mr. Sam Baylis to his exhibition of Marionettes, and this privilege was taken advantage of by a large party of our inmates. During the past summer out-door sports, with music, have been arranged as frequently as the weather would permit; and two parties, including 78 Patients of both sexes, have made excursions to the Strawberry Gardens at Heysham.

Presents of Books, Pictures, Toys, Domestic Pets, &c., continue to be received as welcome additions to our means of amusement. It is proposed to devote a sum of £5 5s., kindly collected by Miss M. E. Mansergh for such objects, to the purchase of slides for the Magic Lantern. A Hand Organ with two barrels, presented by Mrs. Parkinson, of Queen Square, Lancaster, has proved a never-failing source of delight to the younger children. A Harmonium, for sacred music, is still a desideratum; and dolls and toys suitable for Girls would be at the present time acceptable.

Large numbers of General Visitors have inspected the Asylum during the year, including amongst them several deputations from public bodies. As specially interesting, I may allude to the visit of the Rev. Dr. Moffat, (Dr. Livingstone's father-in-law), who kindly narrated, to the great delight of the children, several incidents of his missionary life in the wild countries of Africa.

Taking a general retrospect of the last twelve months, there is abundant evidence of improvement, in greater or less degree, in all the cases; and this is especially marked in the demeanour and conduct of the older pupils. It is gratifying to observe amongst these latter a growing spirit of self-helpfulness and of good-fellowship; and their attachment to the Institution has been recently in several instances proved by the pleasurable emotion displayed by them on returning “home to school”—(to quote the expression of one of them)—after a few weeks' visit to their relations.

To the several Officers and Attendants—more particularly to those who, having been with us from the first, are now becoming experienced assistants in the work of the Asylum—my acknowledgments are due for the zeal and good spirit generally evinced by them in the discharge of their duties.

In conclusion, permit me to thank the Chairman and the other members of the Committee for kind consideration and support in various matters of difficulty, and to subscribe myself,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster,
September 18, 1872.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE FOREGOING REPORT.

No. 86.—*J. A. F.*, admitted January, 1872, aged 11. The son of a town missionary, who stated that he had been found so unmanageable at home, and sometimes dangerous to his brothers and sisters, that it was necessary to send him to the insane ward of his union, pending his admission to the Royal Albert Asylum. When examined by the schoolmaster, in February, 1872, could speak but indistinctly, read only the letter O, knew none of the coins or weights, could only distinguish black and white, and was very restless in class. Is now (September, 1872,) well-conducted at school, can speak well, read easy words, knows all the weights and most of the coins, and all the simple colours.

No. 60.—*J. R.*, admitted July, 1871, aged 15. A semi-paralysed boy, having but imperfect control of the movements of left side. When examined by the schoolmaster in February, 1872, could speak but very indistinctly, knew one or two of the letters only, could make strokes and attempt easy letters on the slate, understood the value of unit figures only, but could not calculate, could only tell the hours of the clock, knew some of the coins and weights, and the simple colours. Now (September, 1872) can walk much better, and controls the movements of the weak side so well as to be employed with good effect as shoe-cleaner; can speak more distinctly, read easy words, make strokes and curved lines neatly in copy book, work simple addition sums, and knows the hours and five minutes, all the coins and weights, all the simple and some of the compound colours.

No. 30.—*T. C.* admitted January, 1871, aged 8. On admission filthy in his habits and extremely restless. No attempt at speech except a sound indistinctly resembling "Tommy," his own name. Extremely fond of music. Now (September, 1872,) much grown and improved in physical condition; perfectly clean in his habits, quiet and attentive at school, pronounces several words very distinctly, and applies them to the objects they denote, and occasionally uses short phrases appropriately. Sings some simple nursery rhymes, music and words, quite correctly.

No. 36.—*F. J. P.*, admitted February, 1871, aged 7. An active restless boy, with peculiarly small head. On admission speech was absolutely wanting, and the power of attention was very feeble. Now (September 1872,) says after teacher "P," "I," "see," "me," "D," &c., and is an attentive pupil at object lessons, &c.

No. 75.—*J. T.*, admitted December, 1871, aged 14. Could say only "aye." Now (September, 1872,) says many monosyllabic words, *e.g.*, "no," "go," "him," "pie," &c., and applies them appropriately.

No. 9.—*R. S.*, admitted January, 1871. Aged 8. Was exceedingly restless and fretful; very faulty in his habits, and quite deficient of articulate speech. Now (September, 1872,) is a well-conducted, cheerful boy, quite clean in his habits, distinctly pronounces several monosyllabic words (such as "go on," "fall in," &c.,) addressing them appropriately to his companions, is very attentive to lessons on pictures and objects, and joins in the singing at school.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

26, KING STREET, MANCHESTER

23RD SEPTEMBER, 1872.

We have made our fourth Annual Audit of the accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, in the course of which we have thoroughly investigated the accounts, and inspected all the securities and vouchers. The system of accounts, although involving great labour, is simple in principle, and we are glad to be able again to certify to the painstaking accuracy with which the books have been kept.

The total amount of donations to General Fund promised to the 30th June was £76,341 11s. 2d., and of that sum £75,825 19s. 10d. had then been received, leaving only £515 11s. 4d. unpaid,—an evidence of very careful collection.

While at the Asylum for the purposes of our audit, we again inspected the various departments, and were much gratified to observe the means adopted for the improvement of the patients. The Asylum appears to us to be in every way worthy of liberal support.

REES, WHITE, & Co.,

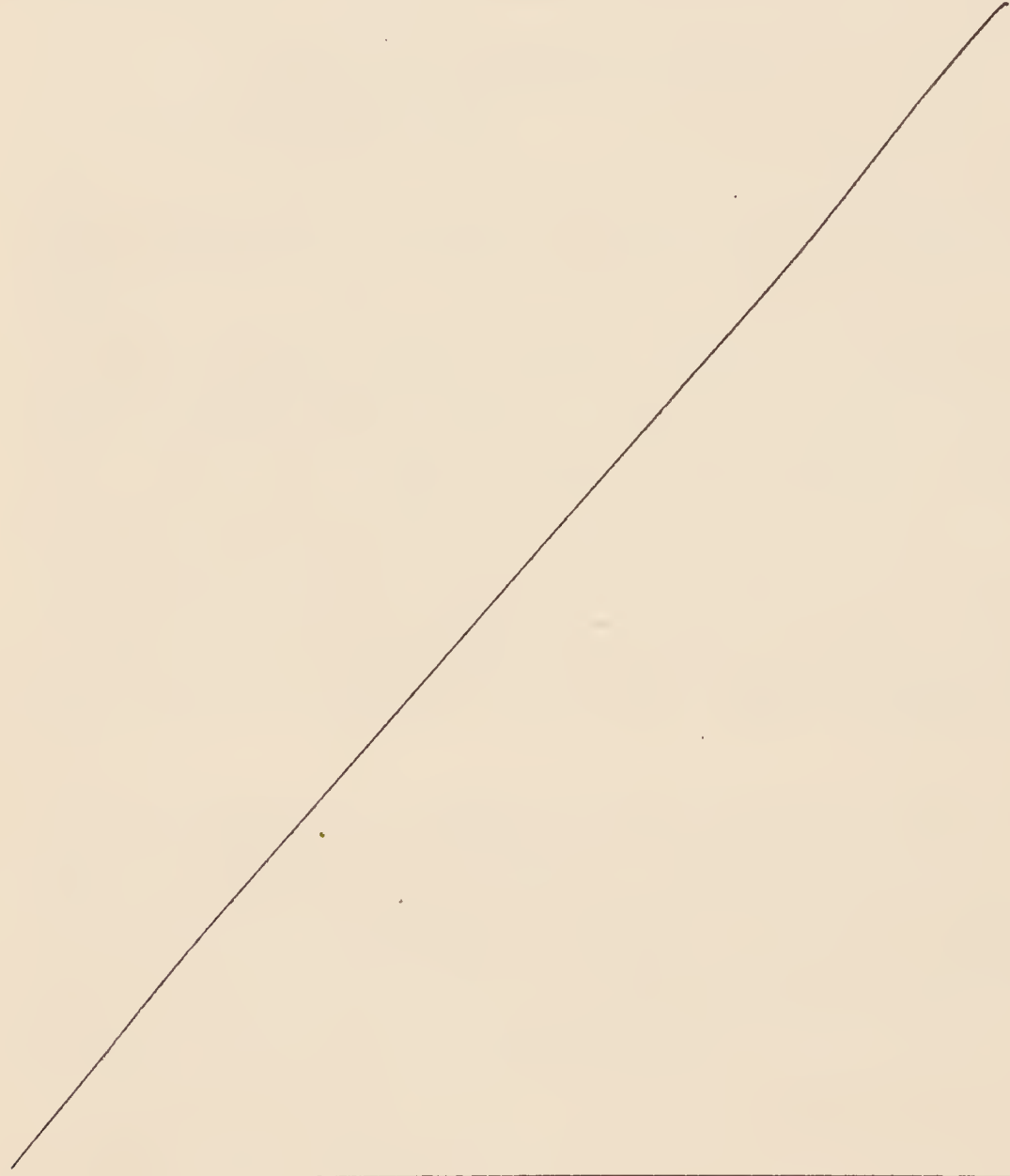
HONORARY AUDITORS

RECEIPTS AND
From June 30th, 1871, to

GENERAL

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance June 30th, 1871.. .. .	8,291	10	2
„ Donations	18,221	11	0
„ Legacies under fifty guineas	100	0	0
„ Interest on Deposits and Investments, &c.	409	15	11
„ Rent and Farm Produce	248	18	0
„ Sundries	9	0	5
„ Profit on Transfer of Stock to Sustentation Fund	140	3	9



£27,420 19 3

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—September 23rd, 1872.

REES, WHITE, & Co., Public Accountants, Manchester,
WILLIAM ROPER, Lancaster.
JAMES CARTER MOON, Lancaster.

} HONORARY AUDITORS.

EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1872.

ACCOUNT.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to the Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1871 ..	7,882	3	3	7,882	3	3
„ Expenses of Public Meetings and of Local Committees..	53	9	7			
„ Expenses of Elections	50	17	0			
„ Printing and Stationery	119	4	9			
„ General Advertising	58	5	7			
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses.. .. .	547	16	7			
„ Office Rent, Rates, Fuel, Gas, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries	45	17	7			
„ Postage of Reports, Pamphlets, Circulars, Voting Papers, Letters, &c... .. .	76	10	11			
„ Farm Expenses, including Stock, Implements, &c... ..	231	14	0			
„ Laying out Grounds and Garden Expenses	497	11	11			
„ Property Expenses	28	0	2			
„ General Sundries	6	12	8			
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.	137	16	8			
				1,853	17	5
„ Purchase of Additional Land (3a. Or. 33p.)	850	0	0			
„ Conveyance, Stamps, &c.	18	6	4			
				868	6	4
„ FURNITURE:—						
General	734	15	4			
Ironmongery	63	4	0			
Crockery	4	11	1			
Bedding	137	15	4			
				940	5	9
„ BUILDING ACCOUNT:—						
Masonry &c... .. .	3,800	0	0			
Woodwork	3,500	0	0			
Ironwork	150	0	0			
Slating	303	1	9			
Plastering	200	0	0			
Plumbing and Glazing	900	0	0			
Laundry and Kitchen Fittings	800	0	0			
Heating Apparatus	70	0	0			
Water Pipes.. .. .	13	11	10			
Architect's Commission	750	0	0			
Clerk of the Works, &c.	146	16	10			
Insurance of Building	16	8	9			
Sundries, including Asphalting of Playground, &c. ..	168	5	1			
				10,818	4	3
„ BALANCE:—						
Freehold Property	600	0	0			
Balance in hands of Secretary	28	2	8			
Balance at Lancaster Bank	4,429	19	7			
				5,058	2	3
				<u>£27,420</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>

RECEIPTS AND From June 30th, 1871, to

MAINTENANCE

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, June 30th, 1871.. .. .	1,104	8	2
„ Annual Subscriptions for 1871-72	1,533	15	0
„ Payments for Patients	921	4	0
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments and Deposits	862	5	7
„ Interest on Maintenance Account Deposits.. .. .	96	13	2
„ Re-payment of Loan to Band and Amusement Fund	10	0	0
„ Sundries	31	17	7
„ Balance due to Secretary.. .. .	7	5	3

£4,567 8 9

SUSTENTATION.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To BALANCE, June 30th, 1871 (£16,434 6s. 4d., less £1 11s. Bank Commission)	16,432	15	4
„ Donations	15,112	9	1
„ Life Subscriptions	31	10	0

£31,576 14 5

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—September 23rd, 1872.

REES, WHITE, & Co. Public Accountants, Manchester.

WILLIAM ROPER, Lancaster.

JAMES CARTER MOON, Lancaster,

HONORARY AUDITORS,

EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1872.

ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages		1,220	16	7
„ Travelling Expenses		5	8	9
„ Provisions		1,123	1	6
„ Necessaries—				
Coals		282	4	7
Gas		96	4	7
Water		4	8	0
General		29	3	2
„ Clothing		112	0	8
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		19	10	2
„ Workshop Expenses		2	10	1
„ School Materials		1	19	6
„ Repairs		12	2	3
„ Advertising		14	11	10
„ Printing and Stationery		15	18	11
„ Carriage		1	6	8
„ Postage and Telegrams		3	4	6
„ Sundries		27	13	1
„ Bank Commission, &c.		4	10	7
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank		1,590	13	4
		<u>£4,567</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

FUND ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By INVESTMENTS :—							
£6,000 Madras Railway Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent. ..		6,343	0	0			
£6,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent.		6,250	0	0			
£1,200 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent.		1,237	8	0			
£3,225 Lancaster Canal Shares, 86 shares at 37½ ; Interest at 4½ per cent.		3,225	0	0			
South Eastern Railway Stock :							
£1000 Preference, Interest at 5 per cent		3,701	11	4			
£1,850 Preference, „ „ 4½ „							
£800 Fixed „ „ 4½ „							
£1,200 (Cockermouth and Workington) London and North Western Railway Preference Stock ; Interest at 10 per cent.		2,703	2	6			
£1,000 Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Debenture Stock ; Interest at 4½ per cent		1,000	0	0			
£3,800 Great Western Preference Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent.		4,290	4	0			
£1,200 North Eastern Preference Stock ; Interest at 4½ per cent		1,212	10	0			
£425 Furness Preference Stock ; Interest at 6 per cent.		567	1	3			
Deposit on £1,000 Madras Railway new £20 shares ; Interest at 5 per cent		250	6	2			
					30,780	3	3
Bank Commission					20	6	1
Balance at Lancaster Bank					776	5	1
					<u>£31,576</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

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December 21st, 1864, to June 30th, 1872.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Building	55,148	16	3			
„ Furniture	3,275	11	0			
„ Land	10,847	18	5			
„ Freehold Property	600	0	0			
	<hr/>			69,872	5	8
„ Sustentation Fund Investments				30,780	3	3
„ Expenses as per General Account				10,245	9	2
„ Expenses as per Maintenance Account				4,751	9	4
„ Expenses as per Sustentation Account				21	17	1
„ Nett Balance in hands of Secretary				20	17	5
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank				6,796	18	0
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				£122,488	19	11
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Total amount received to June 30th, 1872	122,488	19	11
Donations unpaid at the same date	515	11	2
Legacy „ „	1,000	0	0
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	£124,004	11	1

S U M M A R Y

OF

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TOWNS

WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

										Donations.		Annual Sub-	
										£	s. d.	£	s. d.
LANCASTER	(1)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10475	3 10	191	2 2
LIVERPOOL		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7183	2 6	77	7 0
BRADFORD	(2)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7000	0 0	283	10 6
MANCHESTER	(3)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5569	16 6	42	0 0
ROCHDALE	(4)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3062	14 0	84	3 6
PRESTON		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2242	0 2	47	15 6
CHESHIRE	(CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2203	5 6	81	1 0
CUMBERLAND	(CARLISLE, &c.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1861	15 6	105	19 6
HALIFAX		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1610	13 11	192	4 0
NORTH LONSDALE	(ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1611	16 10	46	4 0
KENDAL		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1574	6 0	31	18 6
LEEDS		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1276	18 8	11	10 0
SKIPTON		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	989	12 1	17	5 6
DURHAM		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	866	17 3	50	8 0
YORK	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	823	15 6	27	0 6
SETTLE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	815	0 1	19	8 6
BOLTON	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	813	5 0	20	9 6
HUDDERSFIELD	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	785	10 0	46	13 6
BURNLEY	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	667	5 0	18	13 0
WAKEFIELD	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	658	18 6	10	10 0
SHEFFIELD	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	653	8 6	40	14 0
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	638	19 6	34	18 6
KIRKBY LONSDALE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	615	11 11	6	6 0
WARRINGTON	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	602	17 6	36	15 0
DARLINGTON	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	551	3 0	34	13 0
OLDHAM	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	500	9 0	3	3 0
SOUTHPORT	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	459	17 4	31	2 0
WIGAN	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	425	4 0	42	0 0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	17 0	10	10 0
SUNDERLAND	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	279	5 0	11	11 0
SCARBOROUGH	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	275	19 6	15	2 6
SELBY	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	241	6 0	2	12 6
WHITBY	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	194	17 9	4	14 6
HULL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	187	18 0	1	1 0
KEIGHLEY	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	179	1 0		
ROTHERHAM	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	173	12 6	21	0 0
ST. HELENS	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	137	12 0	19	8 6
HARTLEPOOL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	122	9 0	11	0 6
DONCASTER	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111	1 6	7	7 0
MIDDLESBROUGH	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	0 0	8	18 6
WEST HARTLEPOOL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	7 6	12	12 0
STOCKTON-ON-TEES	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	5 0	14	7 6
SOUTH SHIELDS	48	16 6	21	10 6
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED	45	16 6	9	12 6

JAMES DIGGENS,

June 30th, 1872.

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LIST

OF

CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. John Allen, Vicar.

Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Bishop of Hereford), Vicar. (Two sermons.)

Rev. A. R. Ashwell, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.

Rev. W. C. Bache, Longridge Church, Preston.

Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. S. Chapman, Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.

Rev. T. J. Clarke, (Southport), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar. (Two sermons.)

Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. J. Fleming, (London), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster; Rev. E. Dothie, Minister. (Two sermons)

Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.

Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.

Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.

Rev. J. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.

Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.

Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.

Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.

Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster. (Two sermons.)

Rev. E. F. Manby, Morecambe Church.

Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.

Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.

Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.

Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.

Rev. John Owen, Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. F. E. Perrin, Whitewell Church, Clitheroe.

Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.

Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. J. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.

Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.

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Rev. R. N. Sharpe, Hundersfield, Rochdale.

Rev. W. Shilleto, Goosnargh Church, Preston.

Rev. H. Hassard Short, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.

Rev. J. Simpson, (Kirkby Stephen), at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale; Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.

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Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.

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